

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on the prior year's accomplishments and set goals for the new one.

Looking back at 2014, it was a transformative year for the City of Broken Arrow. That's why transformation is the



theme for the 2014 Annual Report. This report provides a great way for everyone to learn about milestones during the fiscal year, which covers July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Broken Arrow made a lot of progress during that time period. Read about it by viewing a copy of the annual report at [www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/2014annualreport](http://www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/2014annualreport), or pick up a copy at City Hall, 220 South First Street after January 1.

Here's a sneak peak of what you'll find inside:

- Awards and recognitions for Broken Arrow
- Status of the City's financial condition
- New businesses in the Rose District
- Details of the new Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center
- Completed road improvement projects and more

Plus, new this year, the Public Information Office has created a handy services directory that will help you quickly contact the right department to address your requests.

As the City's slogan states, this is a place where opportunity lives. We look forward to all the great things that will happen in 2015.

## Winter Safety Tips

Winter is here! Make sure your household is ready with these reminders.

### HAVE A PLAN

- \* Discuss with your family what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued.
- \* Know what to do if basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period of time.
- \* Plan to bring pets inside during winter weather. Move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- \* Let faucets drip to avoid freezing and know how to shut off water valves if necessary.
- \* Have an alternate heating method such as fireplace or wood or coal burning stove. Always be cautious using a portable space heater.
- \* To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of old newspapers. Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.

### MAKE A KIT

- \* Windshield scraper, de-icer, snow shovel and small broom for ice and snow removal.
- \* A cell phone with charger and a battery powered radio.
- \* Several blankets or sleeping bags.
- \* Rain gear, warm coats and extra sets of dry clothing, mittens, socks and a cap.
- \* Non-perishable snacks like dried fruit, nuts and other high energy "munchies."

\* Several bottles of water. Eating snow will lower your body temperature. If necessary, melt it first.

\* Sand or cat litter for generating traction under wheels and a set of tire chains or traction mats.

\* Jumper cables, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit and brightly colored cloth to tie to your vehicle antenna if you get stranded.

### STAY INFORMED

\* Know what National Weather Service winter storm and blizzard watches and warnings mean.

\* Ice storms usually bring heavy accumulations of ice that can bring down trees, electrical wires, telephone poles and lines, and communication towers. Communications and power can be disrupted for days while the utility company works to repair the extensive damage.

\* Depend on your NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio, along with local radio and television stations, for weather reports.

### BE CAUTIOUS WITH ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES

\* Never use generators, grills, camp stoves or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage. They produce carbon monoxide which is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that kills more than 500 people every year.

\* Use fireplaces, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented.

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# Move Over for Emergency Responders

Broken Arrow Police and Fire officials are reaching out to the motoring public, in an effort to quell an increasing trend in the number of collisions involving emergency vehicles responding to emergencies.

Broken Arrow Emergency Responders have been struck by three motorists in recent months while making emergency responses with emergency lights and sirens engaged.



## August

A BA EMS unit was involved in a crash, when another driver turned left in front of the ambulance while it was making an emergency transport to the hospital.

## October

A police vehicle was struck by a driver that failed to properly yield, by turning left into the path of the officer.

## November

A BA Fire truck responding to a major structure fire was involved in a collision, when a driver turned into the path of the fire truck at an intersection.

Collisions involving emergency vehicles can have devastating results, not only from the high risk of injuries to the responders and other parties, but also to the victims of the incidents emergency personnel are responding to. The reason these collisions occur are varied, but the primary factors are the lack of attention on the part of other drivers or they fail to properly yield to the emergency vehicles.

### In order to reduce these incidents, we remind all drivers to:

- Remain attentive to your driving at all times; reduce noise and distractions while driving.
- Abide by the law when you see or hear an emergency vehicle, pull to the RIGHT side of the road and come to a complete stop.
- Never turn left to get out of the path of an emergency vehicle.
- Always assume that if you see one emergency vehicle, there WILL be others.
- Always pause before you pull back into traffic, look & listen for other emergency vehicles.

Your emergency personnel are here to save others from tragedies that occur. In return, we ask the public to do their part in allowing us the ability to get where we are most needed in a safe and timely manner.



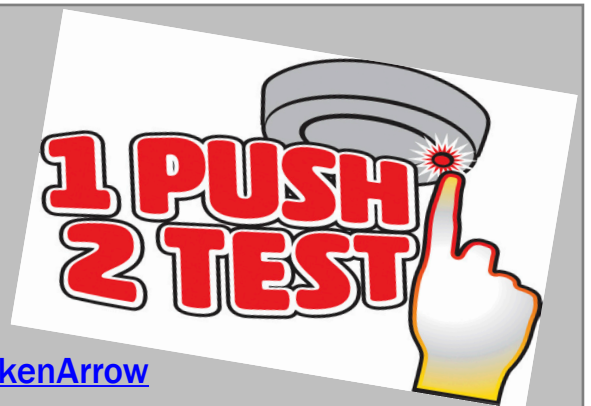
### Safety, From page 1

\* Do keep a multipurpose fire extinguisher on hand in case of emergency.

\* Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning by installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector.

**Check out the new  
Fire Department  
Smoke Detector  
Campaign  
on Youtube:**

[www.youtube.com/CityofBrokenArrow](http://www.youtube.com/CityofBrokenArrow)



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Soccer** Online registration runs through January 17 for boys and girls ages 4 to 18. The 2015 season begins in March. For more information call 918-258-5770 or visit [www.bascok.com](http://www.bascok.com).

**Jan. 10-31 — Broken Arrow Girls Softball** Registration, Arrowhead Park, 300 E. Washington St. For exact dates and times, call 918-251-0868 or visit [www.bagsl.org](http://www.bagsl.org).

**Jan. 1 — City offices closed for New Year's Day.** No trash service that day.

**Jan. 6 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Jan. 8 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Jan. 19 — City offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** Monday/Tuesday trash service pickups will be one day later.

**Jan. 20 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Jan. 22 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Jan. 25 — Anything Goes** 7:30 p.m., BA PAC, 701 S. Main St. For more information, call 918-259-5778.